कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद: सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने खास तौर से मेघालय में बाल पाकरम नेशनल पार्क के निकट सीमेन्ट फैक्टरी के प्रस्ताव की चर्चा की है। यह सही है कि इस प्रकार का प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है। लेकिन इस की मंजूरी अब तक नहीं दी गयी है। यह मामला विचाराधीन है और सभी पहलुओं पर विचार के बाद ही कोई फैसला इस पर लिया जाएगा। यह फैक्टरी सीमेन्ट बनाने के लिए ए॰सी॰सी॰ तथा मेघालय के इंडस्ट्रीयल डैवलपमैंट कारपोरेशन के द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से प्रस्तावित है। इसके लिए वह सिजू वाइल्ड लाइफ सैंक्चुरी तथा रिजर्व फारेस्ट के नजदीक से लाइम स्टोन की माईनिंग करना चाहते हैं। यह स्थान बाल पाकरम नेशनल पार्क से दो किलोमीटर एवं नौकरेक नेशनल पार्क से सात किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है। उनके अंदर नहीं है जिस जगह पर माईनिंग की जाएगी और प्लान्ट बैठाया जाएगा। वह हाथियों के आवागमन के लिए जो एक प्रमुख मार्ग है, उस मार्ग पर है। यह मार्ग बाल पाकरम एवं नौकरेक नेशनल पार्क को जोड़ता है। इन सारे मुद्दों पर विचार-विमर्श के उपरान्त ही इस प्रोजैक्ट के बारे में फैसला किया जाएगा। अभी यह विशेषज्ञ समिति के विचाराधीन है। आप अवगत हैं कि किसी प्रोजैक्ट को मंजूरी देने के मामले पर संबंधित एक्सपर्ट कमेटी के द्वारा विचार किया जाता है और उसके बाद ही अन्तिम निर्णय लिया जाता है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Certificate Course in Library Science

*1. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Certificate Course in Library Science of four months' duration was introduced in Delhi in 1996;

(b) whether the course has been completed in 12 months' period, thereby marring the careers of several students who could not apply for some other courses;

(c) whether some objectives were laid down for introduction of this course;

(d) whether this situation has made some of the students overaged for Government employment;

(e) whether Government propose to ask the Delhi Government to provide employment to qualified students of first batch of the course; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (f) A Certificate Course in Library Science of four months' duration' was introduced by the Directorate of Training and Technical Education, Delhi for the first time in September, 1995. The first batch came out in February, 1996. The second batch, which was to commence in April, 1996, could start only in July, 1996 in view of some practical difficulties regarding availability of space and necessary logistic support. The second batch finished the course between 8th July to 18th December, 1996 with one month vacation period in between on account of the Board Examinations. The final examination for this batch has been completed in the first week of February, 1997. The basic entry qualification being 10th class pass and the maximum age limit being 21 years, the question of the certificate holders getting overaged for Govt. employment should not arise.

The primary objectives of the course are to acquaint and train the candidates with the basics of Library and Information Science and in various semiskilled jobs techniques/methods and procedures involved in the functioning, maintenance and services expected of a functional library so that they can perform duties and jobs of semiskilled/para-professional positions in libraries. In view of this, the job avenues are not limited to the Government sector alone. This course was introduced by the Government of National Capital Territory on their own initiatives and the question of the Central Govt. issuing any directive to them in this respect does not arise.

Extension of Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line upto Okha.

*6. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conversion work of Delhi-Ahmedabad railway line has been completed;

(b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line upto Okha in view of the strategic importance of this port;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, some residual works are still in progress and the section is expected to be commissioned during March 1997.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Okha is already linked to Ahmedabad by BG; hence completion of the conversion work will establish the desired link.

(d) By March 1997 above

(e) Does not arise.

Shifting of the Divisional Railway Manager's Office at Hazratganj, Luncknow

*7. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh with regard to the shifting of the Divisional Railway Manager's Office at Hazratganj, Lucknow, to some other place near the Station;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that Divisional Railway Manager's Office is situated at a very prestigious Commercial Centre of Lucknow and this property is worth more than 300 crores of rupees; and

(c) if so, the details of terms and conditions given in the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The office of the Divisional Railway Manager is situated at a central location however, the value of the property is not known.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of new Varieties of cash Crop Seeds

*8. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed some new varieties of cash crop seeds recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where these new seeds have been used; and

(d) the results likely to be achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Cotton variety— "Pusa B-6" has been identified for late sown conditions in Punjab, Haryana, Northern Rajasthan and Western Uttar Pradesh.

Grape hybrid 'Pusa Navrang' has been developed for Northern India. It is good for making juice and coloured wine.

Bhindi variety 'Okra A-4' a yellow vein mosaic virus resistant variety has been released for the whole country.

Four varieties of Gladioli namely Neelam, Suryakiran, Dhanwantri and Sangervani and five varieties of roses namely Mother Teresa, Nehru Centenary, Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar, Lahar and Chitra have been released.

(d) The above varieties will help in increasing productivity of these crops resulting into higher profitability to the farmers.

Plight of Dyes and Dye Stuff Industries in Gujarat

*9. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of more than one thousand Dyes and Dye stuff industries in Gujarat, which have been experiencing tremendous turmoil due to pollution problems;

(b) whether these industries are required to be audited by National Environmental Engineering Institute on payment of Rs. one lakh per unit;

(c) if so, the reasons for insisting on this payment when these industries have already started construction of common effluent treatment plants at a cost of more than Rs. 30 crores which is nearing completion; and